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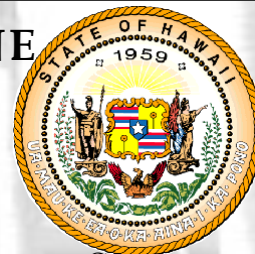
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Aloha Neighbors,

Happy Fourth of July! This is a very exciting holiday for us all during this summer season in which we are able to celebrate our patriotism, independence, and American democracy.

But as we celebrate this summer, I would like to remind you of the dry conditions our Summer weather is expected to bring us. As we enter this expected dry season, we need to help our courageous firefighters who risk their lives in every fire they respond and be extra vigilant to fire danger and potential fire hazards over this holiday season.

This past legislative session, I introduced two fire bills based on my experience last 4th of July. Last year, our fire departments were overworked by responding to many fires over the 4th of July holiday. Many of these fires were brush fires or even house fires caused by fireworks. One bill toughened our fireworks law by restricting minor children from selling fireworks, it also prohibits people from throwing fireworks out of a moving vehicle. This bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 24th, as Act 38.

Our firefighters expressed that cigarettes also pose a huge threat of local brush and household fires. In response to their concern, I also introduced a bill to require all cigarettes in Hawaii to be "fire safe" which requires them to be wrapped in a special porous paper that can self-extinguish if the cigarette is left burning alone. This bill successfully passed the legislative process and was submitted to the Governor's office to be signed into law.

I sincerely hope you have a exciting and safe Independence Day. I am dedicated to working hard to serve you. Please feel free to contact me anytime by phone, fax or email, and mahalo for your continued support.

*Wishing you a fun and safe Independence Day
and summer,*

Ryan Yamane

**Happy 4th
of July!**

PERSONAL LEGISLATION PASSED

Act 38: RELATING TO FIREWORKS

Prohibits minor children from selling fireworks.

Prohibits the throwing of fireworks out of a moving vehicle.

Signed into law April 24, 2008

Act 91: RELATING TO SCRAP METAL

Requires scrap dealers and recyclers to pay for copper purchases by check.

Signed into law May 22, 2008

HB 2438: RELATING TO CIGARETTES

Requires that only fire-safe cigarettes are sold in Hawaii.

*Passed the Legislature, submitted to the Governor
to be signed into law*

TOURISM AND CULTURE COMMITTEE LEGISLATION PASSED

Act 71: RELATING TO TARO

Designates Hawaiian Taro, Kalo, as the state plant.

Signed into law May 14, 2008.

Act 72: RELATING TO THE STATE MAMMAL

Designates the Hawaiian Monk Seal as the state mammal.

Signed into law May 14, 2008.

Act 140: RELATING TO LAND ACQUISITION

Directs the Governor to acquire lands owned by the Turtle Bay Resort.

Signed into law June 5, 2008.

Veterans Talk Story in Mililani

Local veterans of our community were invited by the State Office of Veterans Services and the House Chairwoman of the Public Safety and Military Affairs Committee to share their ideas and concerns with legislators of the Central Oahu area.

Legislators in attendance at the Mililani Rec. Center 3 event were, Rep. Cindy Evans, Rep. Marilyn Lee, Rep. Marcus Oshiro and myself.



Above: I join fellow Representatives in a talk story session with Mililani veterans.

Right: Holding a Press Conference on the passage of my fire legislation with the State Fire Council.



House and Senate Hold Informational Briefing to inquire Hawaii Tourism Industry and Airline Closures

In conjunction with the Senate Tourism Committee, I held a joint Informational Briefing on June 24, 2008 requesting that the CEOs of Hawaiian Airlines, United Airlines, the Hawaii Tourism Authority and the Hawaii Visitors Convention Bureau provide the legislature with additional information following the closures of Aloha and ATA Airlines.

Our committees learned of the efforts HTA made to stabilize Hawaii's tourism industry amidst the closures. Currently, Hawaii is seeing a decline in tourism from the closures, but HTA is now encouraging visitation from the U.S. mainland and China.

The committees plan to hold another Informational Briefing later this year to remain updated on the industry.



Above: Holding an Informational Briefing on Hawaii's Tourism Industry.

Capitol Visitors

Earlier this month, children and teenage cancer survivors a part of the American Cancer Society were invited to tour the Hawaii State Capitol building. All of these children were touring as participants of Camp Anuenue, a free summer camp in Mokuleia that celebrates life.

This incredible camp program offers the children fun camp activities including archery, water sports, obstacle courses, and camp fire experiences to celebrate their childhood and get their minds off their treatment.

I was able to visit and hear their stories and experiences and was most honored to meet all of these fascinating, remarkable kids!

